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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20 and 21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CIS)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/14/06; 1/6/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Application Status

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I (claims 1-19) is acknowledged.
2. The traversal is on the grounds that the claims should not be restricted as there is unity of invention with the special technical feature presented in the claims. This argument is not persuasive as the claimed invention does not escape the prior art, thus does not possess a special technical feature or unity of invention. Thus the lack of unity of record is proper and is final.
3. Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1-19 are under examination. Claims 20-21 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.12(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 6, 2006 and November 14, 2006 have been received and entered. The references cited on the PTO-1449 Form have been considered by the examiner and a copy is attached to the instant Office

action. Note however, that some of the references have been lined through because they represent an improper citation (missing date or author etc.).

Claim Objection

5. Claims 2 and 18-19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 2 is objected to because the claim doesn't appear to further limit independent claim 1.

For clarity and precision of claim language, claim 18 should be amended to read, "intended for therapeutic use".

Claim 19 is objected to because it depends from claim 13 and claim 17 which both depend from claim 1. It is suggested that the claim is amended to depend from claim 17 and not claim 13.

Correction of the above is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter, which applicant (s) regard as their invention.

Claim 1 and the dependent claims hereto are indefinite because the claimed method is confusing with the recitation of "including or includes" because it is unclear what other method steps are included and the claim language does not set forth the specific steps used in order. For example, "A process for obtaining cryoprecipitable proteins comprising:

- (a) contacting a protein of interest with a stabilizing and solubilizing formulation comprising a mixture of arginine
- (b) transform said protein into a freeze-dry form
- (c) perform a virus inactivation step"
- (d) recovery the protein".

As the method is not outlined as exemplified with an organized series of steps, the claim is confusing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1 and 14-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Branovic et al., (Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology, vol. 69, 1998, pages 99-111.

The claimed invention is directed to a method to obtain cryoprecipitable proteins using a virus inactivation step, a freeze dried form and stabilizing/solubilizing formulation (see claim 1 for example) and further comprising FVIII, VWF, FXIII, fibrinogen and fibronectin as the proteins (see claim 16, for example).

Branovic et al., disclose a FVIII wherein a double virus inactivation step is utilized to isolated from cryoprecipitate. The Branovic et al., reference discloses that "viral inactivation was performed by combination of S/D treatment and heating of final freeze-dried product..." (see page 99 of the reference). Branovic et al., discloses the use of stabilizers (page 103 Figure 1 flow chart) and uses an anhydrous form of trisodium citrate (Figure 1 flow chart pages 102-104). The method of Branovic et al., uses filtration and solvent detergent (see Figure 1).The reference discloses purification of a concentrate (see pages 100-101). Therefore, the limitations of the claims are met by the reference.

Conclusion

8. No claims are allowable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hope A. Robinson whose telephone number is 571-272-0957. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nashaat Nashed, can be reached at (571) 272-0934.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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/Hope A. Robinson/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1652